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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 3701

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MEDIA COMMENTS ON ATTACK ON ADDIS-DJIBOUTI RAILROAD

REF: ADDIS ABABA 3580 AND PREVIOUS

1. JUNE 12 ETHIOPIAN HERALD COMMENTARY ELABORATES ON SABOTAGE OF ADDIS-DJIBOUTI RAILROAD BY "SOMALI-TRAINED INFILTRATORS." ARTICLE STATES ATTACK HAD DUAL PURPOSE OF DISRUPTING DJIBOUTI'S INDEPENDENCE AND REVERSING ONGOING REVOLUTION.

2. ARTICLE MAKES CLEAR DISRUPTION OF DJIBOUTI INDEPENDENCE BASED ON COMPLEX, LONG-RANGE GSDR PLAN TO FORM GREATER SOMALIA. IT NOTED EXPRESSION OF CONCERN OVER ATTACK BY DJIBOUTI PM HASSAN GOULED IN COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER EMERGENCY CABINET MEETING, AND EMPHASIZED "SERIOUS SHORTAGE" OF FOOD SUPPLIES IN DJIBOUTI. ARTICLE STATED ATTACKS ON RAILROAD DANGEROUS PLOT TO BLOCK DJIBOUTI'S INDEPENDENCE
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BY CREATING ECONOMIC CHAOS.

3. ARTICLE NOTES SABOTAGE OF RAILROAD PART OF COORDINATED CONSPIRACY TO KINDLE WAR BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA, SINCE IT OBVIOUS THAT ETHIOPIA WILL NOT SIT WITH FOLDED ARMS AND WATCH HER COMMERCIAL INTERESTS BEING JEOPARDIZED. ARTICLE EXPRESSES AMAZEMENT THAT

SOMALI LEADERS WHO BOAST AT BEING SOCIALISTS ARE "RUNNING TOWARDS IMPERIALIST TRAP" INSTEAD OF STRUGGLING TO CREATE UNITED FRONT. ACCORDING TO PAPER, RECENT "ALLIANCE" BETWEEN NIMEIRI (WHO PROTEGE OF SADAT) AND SOMALI LEADERSHIP PROOF GSDR PREPARED TO TAKE PART IN OVERALL CONSPIRACY.

4. ARTICLE ALSO NOTES IN AFTERTHOUGHT THAT SUBVERSIVE ACTIONS NOT LIMITED TO DJIBOUTI AND RAILWAY LINE, BUT THAT GSDR ALSO INTENDS CLAIM OGADEN "AS TROUBLE FLARES ALONG DJIBOUTI FRONT."

5. COMMENT: ARTICLE IS ILLUSTRATIVE OF EPMG WORLD VIEW OF REACTIONARY ARAB/IMPERIALIST CONSPIRACY TO DESTROY ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION AND PRO-ETHIOPIAN "INDEPENDENCE" OF DJIBOUTI. MEDIA'S RHETORICAL QUESTIONS AS TO HOW SOCIALIST GSDR COULD PLACE NATIONAL INTEREST ABOVE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WOULD INDICATE THAT EPMG NOT PREPARED TO IGNORE COMPLETELY SOVIET-FAVORED LINE OF PROMOTING SOME MEANS OF ETHIOPIAN COOPERATION WITH SOCIALIST SOMALI "BROTHERS."

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